AF/IFW

22883 Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031 U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE der the Paper Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number **Application Number** 10/672,081 TRANSMITTAL Filing Date Sep 26, 2003 **FORM** First Named Inventor Clark, Gregory Scott (to be used for all correspondence after initial filing) Art Unit 3625 **Examiner Name** Allen, W. Attorney Docket Number Total Number of Pages in This Submission 215.1019.01 15 **ENCLOSURES** (check all that apply) After Allowance communication Drawing(s) Fee Transmittal Form to Group Appeal Communication to Board Licensing-related Papers Fee Attached of Appeals and Interferences Appeal Communication to Group (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief) X Amendment / Reply Petition Petition to Convert to a Χ After Final Proprietary Information **Provisional Application** Power of Attorney, Revocation Status Letter Affidavits/declaration(s) Change of Correspondence Address Other Enclosure(s) (please Terminal Disclaimer Extension of Time Request identify below): Request for Refund Return Postcard **Express Abandonment Request** Information Disclosure Statement CD, Number of CD(s) Remarks Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) Response to Missing Parts/ Incomplete Application Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53 SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT Firm Dane C. Butzer Reg. No. 43,521 Individual name Done C. Bution Signature Date 7/14/2006 CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MAILING I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below. Type or printed name Dede Stolee

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.5. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. **SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.**

Signature

Date

7/14/2006

10/672,081

Procedure-Examining Group 3625

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:

Gregory SCOTT et al.

Serial No.:

10/672,081

Filed:

Sept. 26, 2003

For:

Visibility and Synchronization in a

Multi-Tier Supply Chain Model

Mail Stop AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Art Unit: 3625

Examiner:

William J ALLEN

Tel:

(571) 272-1443

Office Action Mailed:

April 14, 2006

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 CFR § 1.8)

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail, in an envelope addressed to:

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

on 7/14/2006

By:

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Examiner:

This paper is responsive to the final Office Action dated as shown above. Applicants conditionally request an extension of time in the event that one is required for this paper. In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.136(a)(3), authorization is hereby granted to charge any required extension of time fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 to Deposit Account No. 50-0365. Authorization is also hereby granted to charge any additional claim fees and any other fees necessary for filing of this paper to Deposit Account No. 50-0365.